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In re Application)

Inventor(s): Howard Sands et al.)

Application No.: 09/782,184)

Filed: February 12, 2001)

Title Injectable Pharmaceutical Composition)
Comprising Coated Particles of Camptothecin)

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Gollamudi, S.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is made in response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

2 Please amend claims 1, 18 and 19 as follows. *6*

Sub 1
Q 1. (Amended) An injectable pharmaceutical composition comprising:
an aqueous suspension of microdroplets suitable for intravenous delivery, the microdroplets having a mean diameter between 200 Angstroms and one micron, *the* microdroplets comprising a substantially water-insoluble, pharmacologically acceptable liquid, 9-nitro-20(S)-camptothecin dissolved in the water-insoluble, and pharmacologically acceptable liquid that are positioned within an outer layer of the microdroplet that comprises a phospholipid.

Sub 18
Q2 18. (Amended) An injectable pharmaceutical composition comprising:
a dispersion in an aqueous carrier solution comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable tonicity modifier agents and liquid droplets having a size range of micrometer to submicrometer, the droplets comprising at least one membrane-forming amphipathic lipid that forms an outer layer of a given droplet, a substantially water-insoluble, pharmaceutically acceptable lipophilic liquid vehicle, and 9-nitro-20(S)-camptothecin dissolved in the lipophilic liquid vehicle,

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